

### **REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 11 will be pending in the present application. Claims 6 and 7 are herein canceled. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 21, 2007.

### **Claim Rejections**

Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by over JP-2001-182836. These claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over DE 4406762 A1 in view of JP-2001-182836 or *Bouras et al.* (US 5,906,682).

To expedite prosecution, Applicant hereby cancels claims 6 and 7 from the present application. Accordingly, the aforementioned rejections are now moot.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 11 is allowed.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that claim 11 is in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

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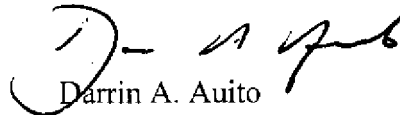
Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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